

## Message Text

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TAGS: BDIS, BEXP, ETRD, IZ, US  
SUBJ: NBMA TRADE COMPLAINT

REF: (A) 77 BAGHDAD 2281, (B) BAGHDAD 77 & 78,  
(C) KEISWETTER-REUTHER TELECON JANUARY 20.

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE IRAQI STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD) TOLD NBMA REPRESENTATIVE JANUARY 16 THAT THE GOI HAD SET UP A NEW INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE IN REGARD TO SHORTAGES WHICH PROMPTED THE GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY (GPC) TO CALL THE NBMA'S PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE. THE IRAQI OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS NOT AIMED AT THE NBMA AND REQUESTED THE NBMA REPRESENTATIVE TO REMAIN IN BAGHDAD TO GIVE EVIDENCE IF NECESSARY. THE LATTER REFUSED TO STAY BUT DID OFFER TO PROVIDE FURTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT NBMA POSITION THAT INTERNAL IRAQI SHORTAGES CANNOT LEGALLY, ACCORDING TO THE NBMA'S CONTRACT WITH THE GPC, BASIS FOR THE GOI TO WITHHOLD THE RELEASE OF THE NBMA'S PERFORMANCE BOND. NBMA REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTED BAGHDAD JANUARY 17.

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2. COMMENT: THE GPC'S CALLING OF THE NBMA'S PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND SUBSEQUENT REFUSAL TO RELEASE IT MAY HAVE BLOWN THE LID OFF OF A MAJOR SCANDAL. BECAUSE OF THE NEW INVESTIGATION, IRAQI AUTHORITIES WITHDREW PERMISSION FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, GPC, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION SPONSORED POULTRY TEAM VISIT TO THE US. HE APPARENTLY WAS NOTIFIED ONLY

HOURS BEFORE THE TEAM DEPARTED BAGHDAD JANUARY 20.  
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